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The Tennessee Department of Health is pleased to provide you with this copy of the *Tennessee Health Status Report, 1998*. The first report, issued in 1997, proved to be an excellent tool for providing needed health information to the health care industry, to researchers, and to many others interested in the health status of Tennesseans.

The Tennessee Department of Health has maintained its partnership with the Community Health Research Group of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to respond to the persistent and growing need for health information. Together we are providing Tennessee's health information on the internet and building the information infrastructure necessary for a comprehensive State Health Plan.

Under the direction of Dr. Sandra Putnam, the Community Health Research Group provides health research, including data processing, data analysis, and report writing to produce the *Tennessee Health Status Report, 1998*. Our internet site provides widespread dissemination of specific data elements from within this report and allows customized reports tailored to your needs. We encourage you to visit the site at this address: server.to/hit.

The Tennessee Department of Health hopes you find this report and the internet site informative and beneficial. Any questions may be directed to Bill Wirsing at (615)532-7901.


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